

# NEW MILLENNIUM PROGRAM

**Serving Earth and Space Sciences**

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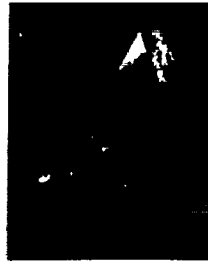


# Ambitious Plans



## Office of Earth Science

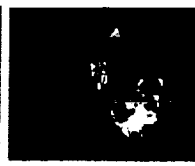
- EOS Post 2002



- LandSat Follow-on



- NPOES



- Advanced  
Geostationary

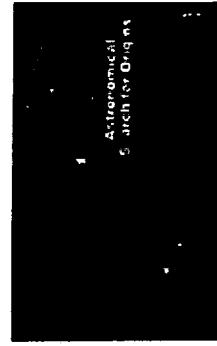


- ESSP



## Office of Space Sciences

- Mars Exploration
- Outer Planets
- Discovery
- Solar Terrestrial  
Probes
- UNEX/SMEX/MIDEX
- Gravity Probe B/LISA
- Next Generation  
Space Telescope
- Space interferometry  
Mission/Terrestrial  
Planet Finder

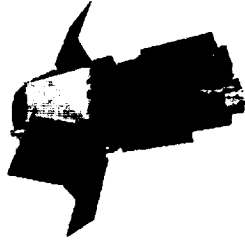
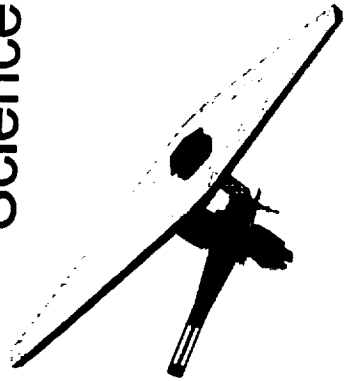




# Advanced Technologies: Essential to Achieve OES and OSS Objectives



Science Missions



*Impedance Mismatch*



## Impediments to Rapid Technology Infusion:

- Lack of flight heritage
  - real or perceived risks
    - cost
    - schedule
    - performance
- Little visibility to mission planners
  - capabilities poorly understood
  - A complete paradigm shift is needed to fully exploit some technologies



# Cross-Enterprise Technology Thrust Areas



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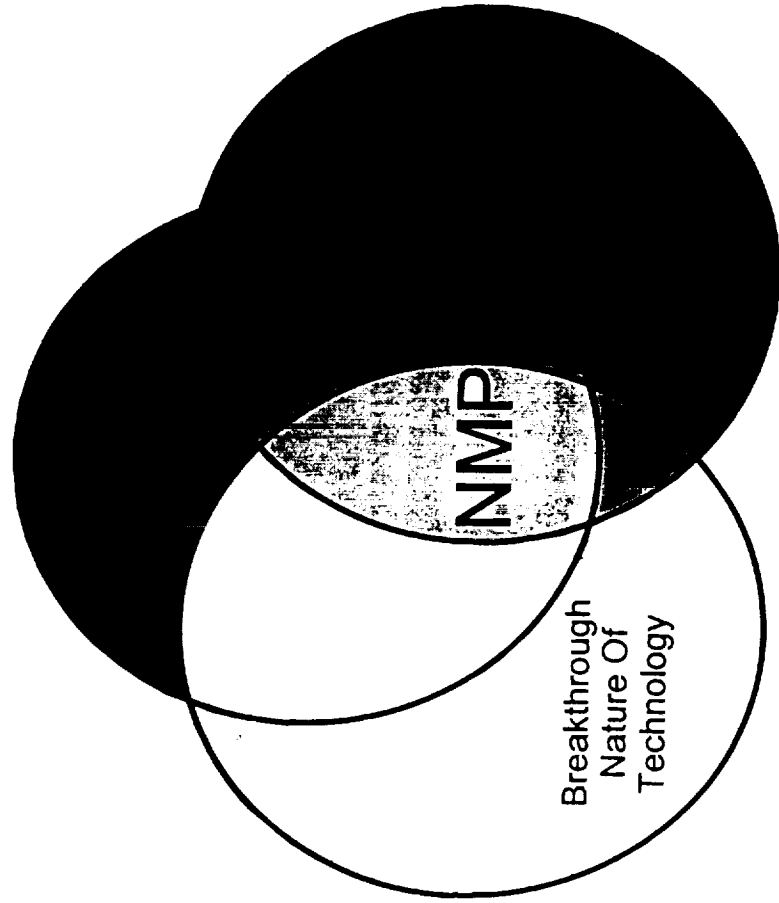
Atmospheric Sciences



# The New Millennium Program



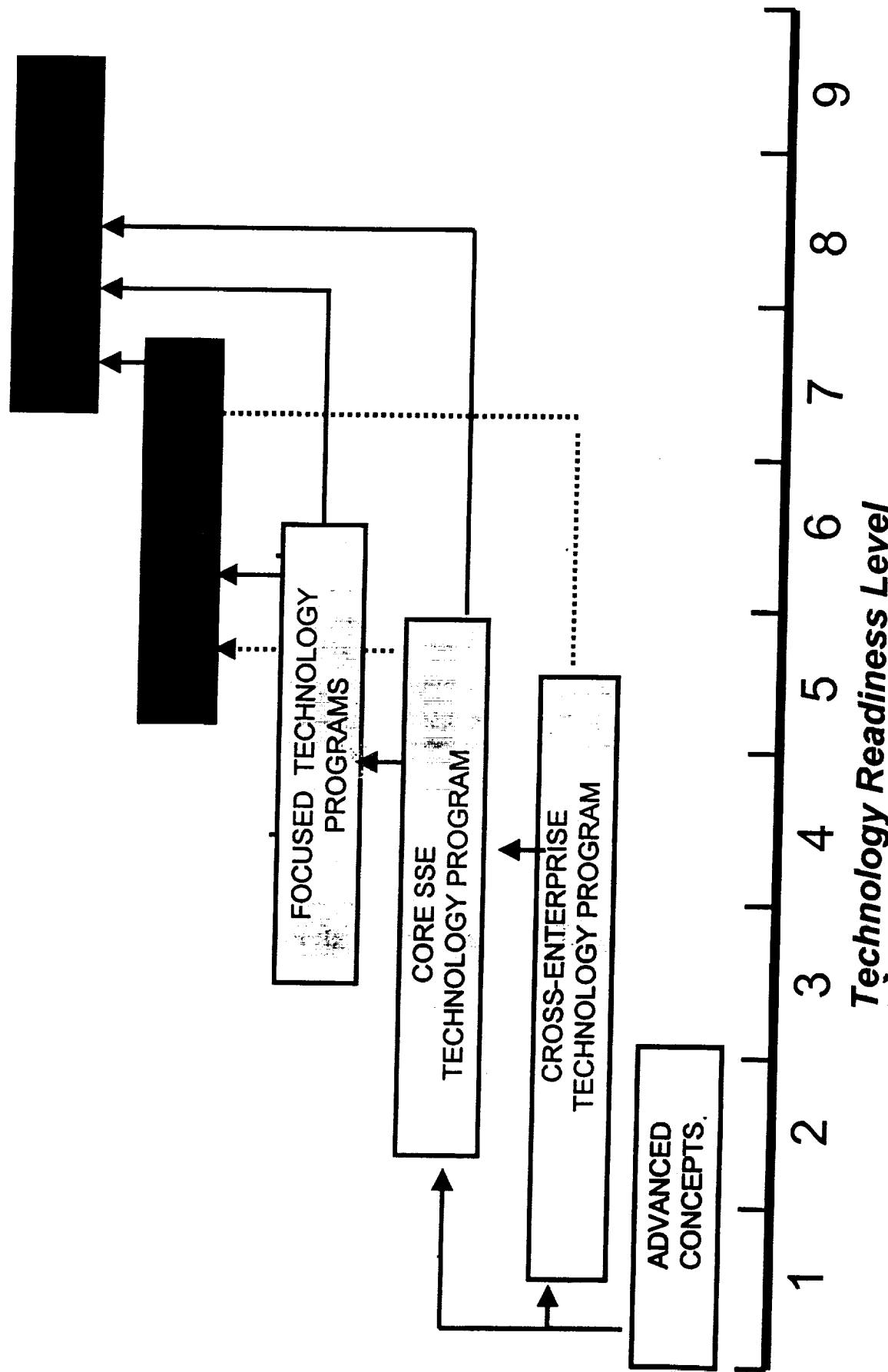
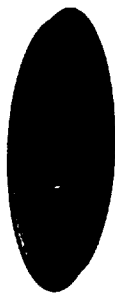
**A cross-Enterprise program to identify and flight validate breakthrough technologies that will significantly benefit future Space Science and Earth Science missions**



- Breakthrough technologies
  - Enable new capabilities to meet Earth and Space Science needs
  - Reduce costs of future missions
- Flight validation
  - mitigates risks to first users
  - enables rapid technology infusion into future missions

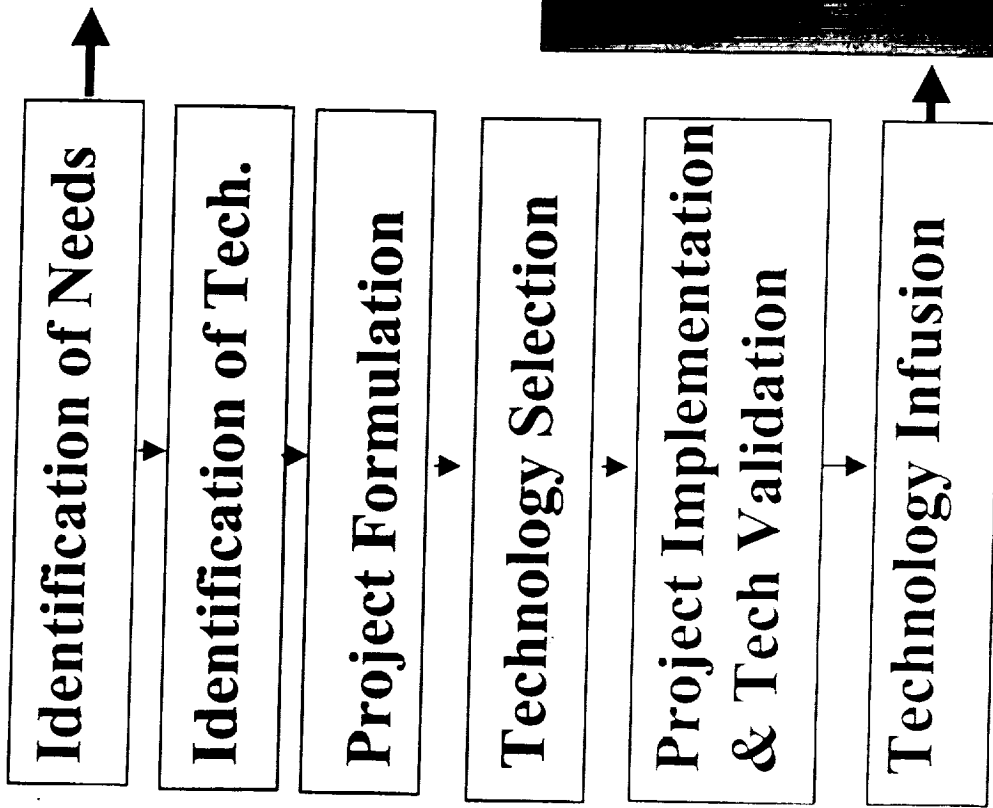


# Technology Program Elements



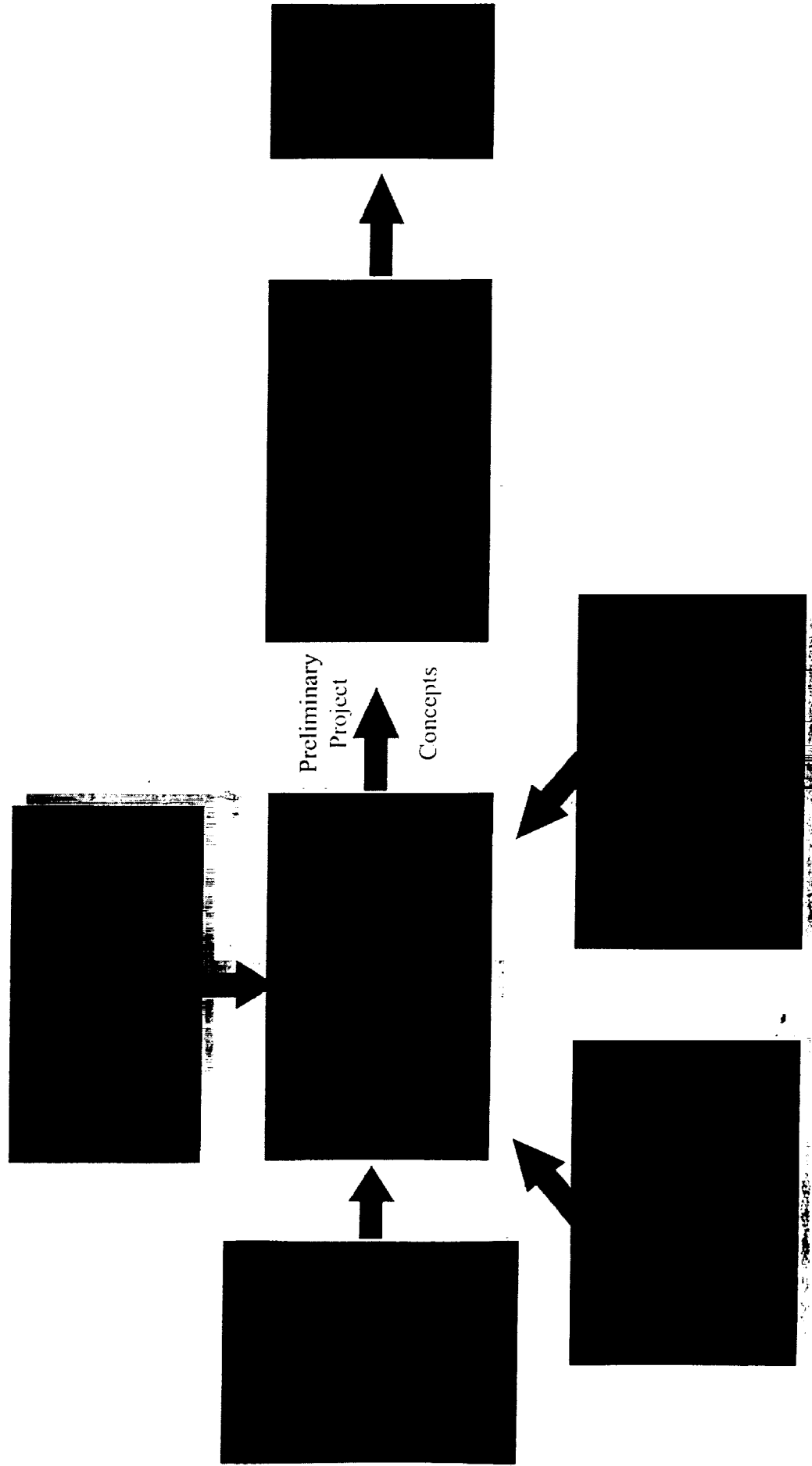
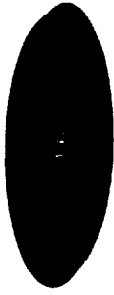


# Common Processes for Earth & Space Sciences Programs





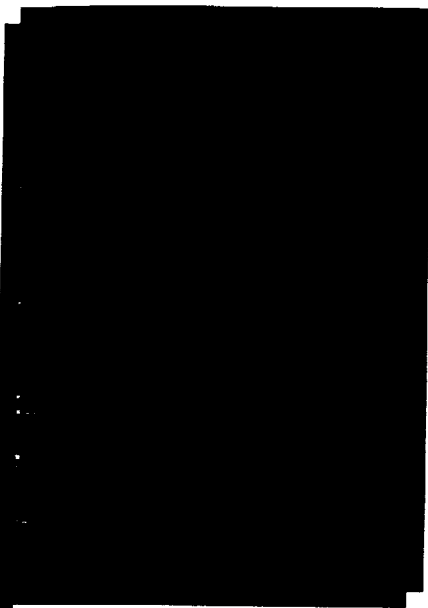
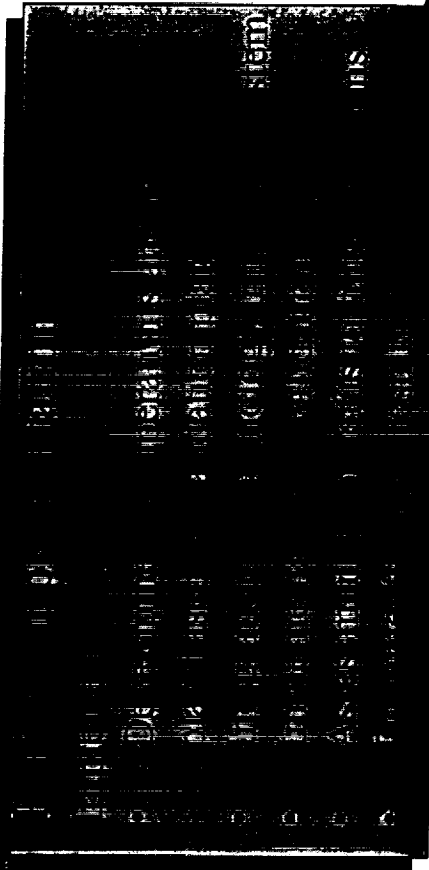
# Flight Project Formulation Process





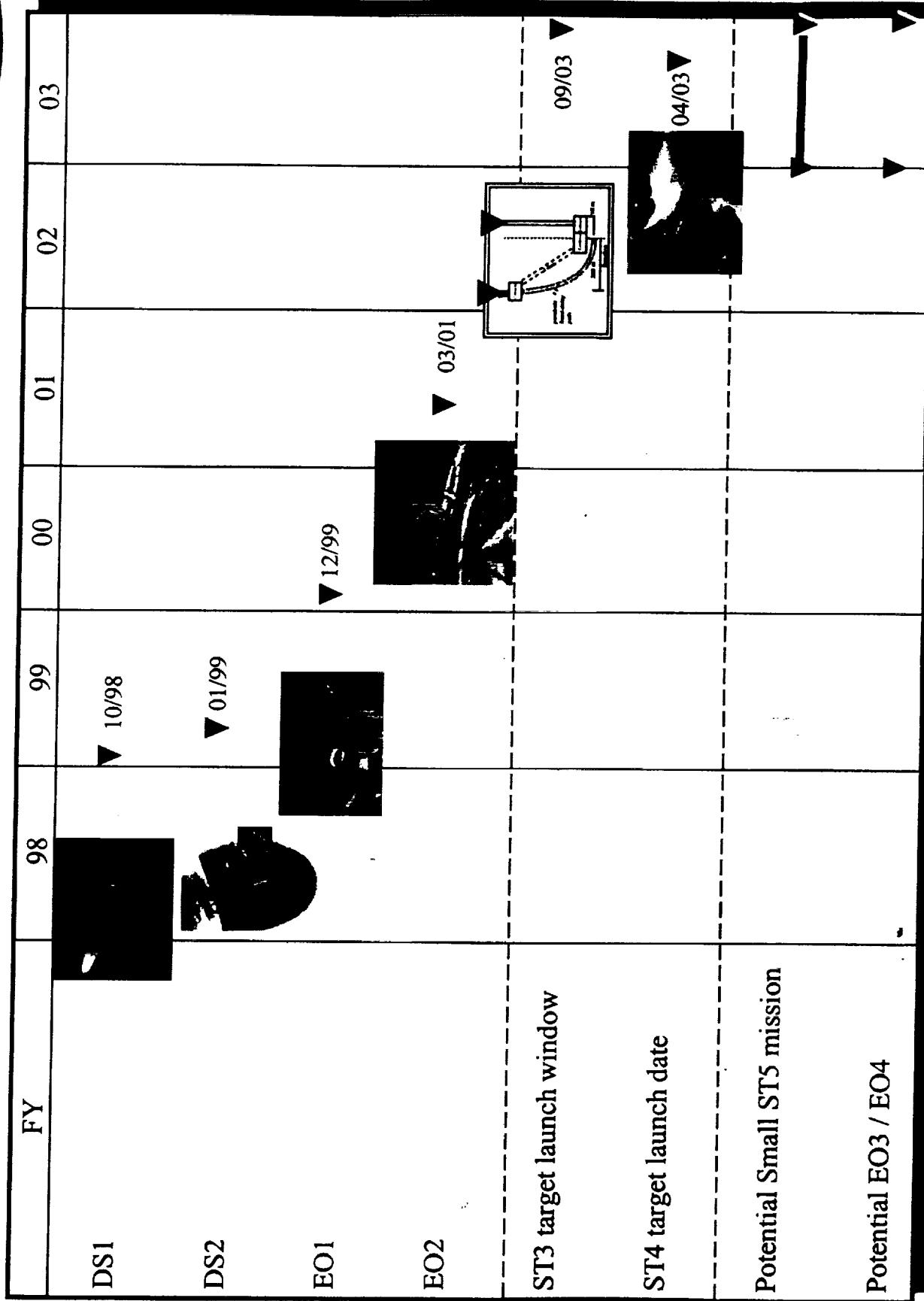


# Technology Validation and Infusion





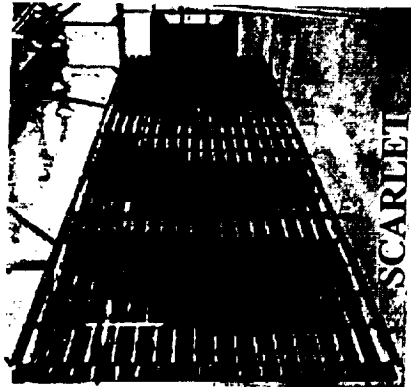
# Validation Flights Launch Schedule



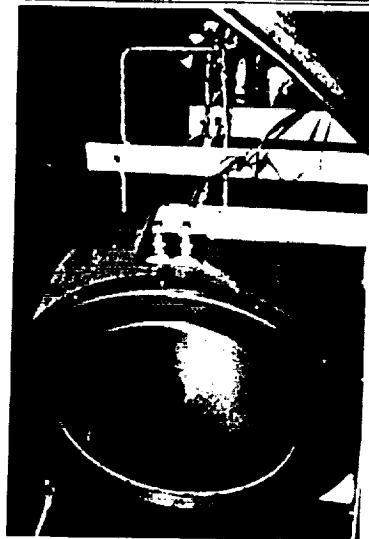


# Deep Space One: Asteroid Flyby

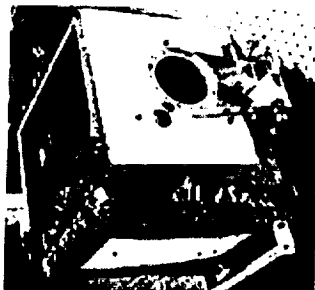
- Validate Technologies for Rapid Access in Deep Space Exploration



**Advanced Solar Concentrator Array**  
Able Engineering Inc., BMDO, Entech, JPL, Lewis Research Center, & Tecstar

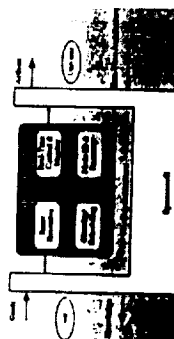
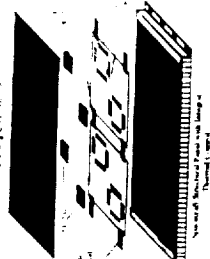


**NSTAR Ion Propulsion System**  
Hughes, JPL, Lewis Research Center, MSFC, Moog Inc., Physical Science & Spectrum Astro

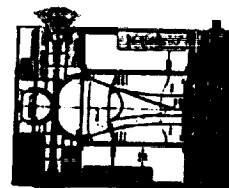


**Miniature Integrated Camera Spectrometer**  
Boston U., JPL, Rockwell, SSG, Inc., USGS, & U of AZ

**Multifunctional Structures**  
Air Force Phillips Lab & Lockheed Martin

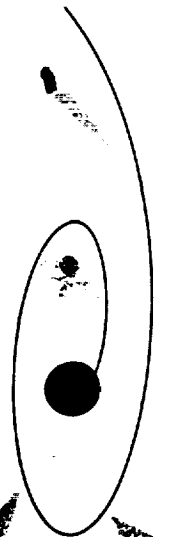


**Autonomy Remote Agent Architecture**  
Ames Research Center Carnegie Mellon U & JPL



**Plasma Experiment for Planetary Exploration**  
SwRI & Los Alamos National Lab

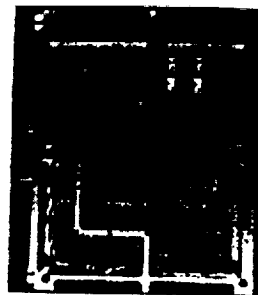
**Autonomous Onboard Optical Navigation**  
JPL



**Ka-Band Solid State Power Amplifier**  
Lockheed Martin

**Spacecraft Spectrum Astro, JPL**

**Small Deep Space Transponder**  
JPL & Motorola





# DS1 Technologies and Applications

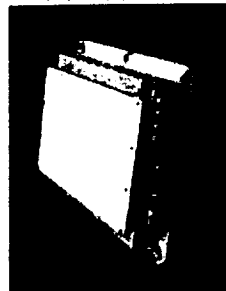


Technology	Description	Potential Earth Science Application/Benefit	Potential Space Science Application/Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ion Propulsion Engine</li> <li>• Solar Concentrator Array</li> <li>• Ka-band Solid State Power Amplifier</li> <li>• Deep Space Transponder</li> <li>• Remote Agent Experiment</li> <li>• Beacon Monitor Operations</li> <li>• Autonomous navigation</li> <li>• Miniature Imaging Camera Spectrometer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• save a factor of 2-3 in flight time while significantly increasing launch margin</li> <li>• provides a 7:1 solar concentration factor; offers significant array cost reduction due to the reduced (1/7) quantity of cells</li> <li>• most efficient (13%), highest power (2.6 W), space qualified</li> <li>• 3 times mass reduction and single unit architecture</li> <li>• provide faster response to in-flight situation (&lt;1min vs. 3 days); reduce mission dev. cost and operations cost (&gt;30%)</li> <li>• achieves large reduction in ops. staffing; reduces the loading on an already over constrained DSN</li> <li>• greatly reduce tracking, save nav. staff by a factor of 2-3, &amp; enhance mission science</li> <li>• SiC structure and optics will allow for alignment and focus of optics at ambient temp with no change for operation at cryogenic temps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• station keeping</li> <li>• power generation</li> <li>• high band communication and freq. alternative</li> <li>• autonomous operations, event detection</li> <li>• autonomous operation</li> <li>• small camera/spectrometer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• primary propulsion &amp; station keeping</li> <li>• power generation</li> <li>• high performance com</li> <li>• small &amp; low mass communication</li> <li>• autonomous operations, uncertainty handling</li> <li>• autonomous operation</li> <li>• deep space navigation</li> <li>• small camera/spectrometer</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miniature Ion and Electron Spectrometer</li> <li>• Low Power Electronics Experiment</li> <li>• Power Actuation and Switching Module</li> <li>• Multi-Functional Structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3x reduction in mass, volume, &amp; telemetry over SOA</li> <li>• 30x power reduction relative to current SOA ASICs</li> <li>• 1/4 the weight and 1/10 the power relative to current SOA</li> <li>• 5-10x reduction in mass and volume; offers the flex architecture to interconnect MCMs, MEMS sensors, and power subsystem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• characterize the solar wind &amp; ions, &amp; magnetosphere</li> <li>• micro/hano spacecraft</li> <li>• instrument &amp; spacecraft functions</li> <li>• instrument &amp; spacecraft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• detection of ions &amp; electrons</li> <li>• micro/hano spacecraft</li> <li>• instrument &amp; spacecraft functions</li> <li>• instrument &amp; spacecraft</li> </ul>

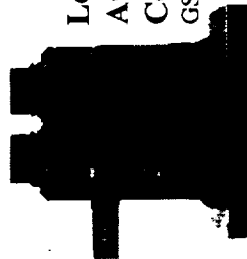


# Earth Observer 1

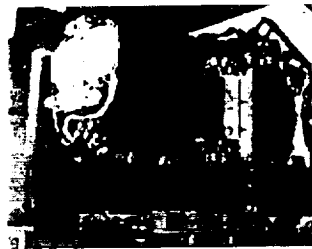
## Validation of 9 Breakthrough Technologies



**X-Band Phased  
Array Antenna:**  
Boeing, GSFC & Lewis  
Research Center



**Leisa  
Atmospheric  
Corrector:**  
GSFC



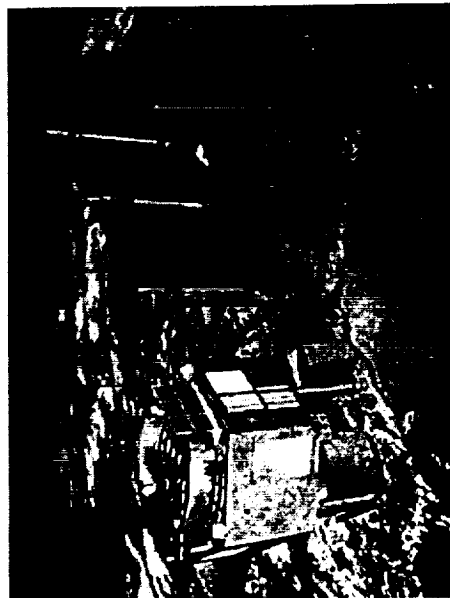
**Advanced  
Land Imager:**  
MIT Lincoln Lab,  
GSFC, Raytheon /  
Santa Barbara  
Remote Sensing,  
& Sensor Systems  
Group



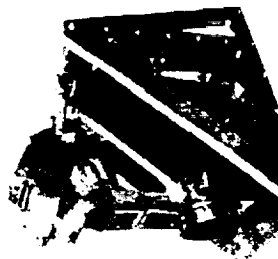
**Carbon-Carbon Radiator:**  
Air Force Research Lab,  
Amoco Polymers, BF Goodrich,  
GSFC, Langley Research Center,  
Lockheed Martin, Naval Surface  
Warfare Center, & TRW



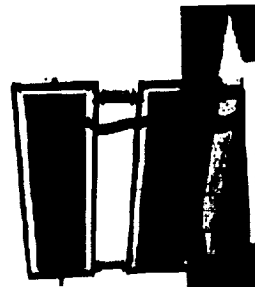
**Wideband  
Advanced  
Recorder  
Processor:**  
GSFC, Litton,  
MIT Lincoln Lab,  
Swales, & TRW



**Spacecraft:**  
GSFC,  
Litton,  
SWALES



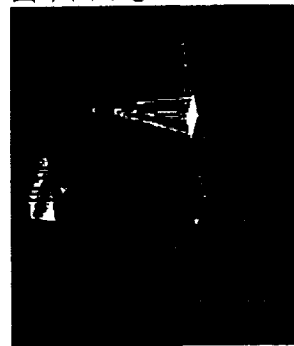
**Hyperion:**  
GSFC, & TRW



**Lightweight  
Flexible  
Solar Array:**  
GSFC,  
Lockheed Martin,  
& Phillips Lab



**Pulsed  
Plasma  
Thruster:**  
GSFC,  
Lewis Research  
Center & PRIMEX



**Enhanced  
Formation  
Flying**  
GSFC, JPL



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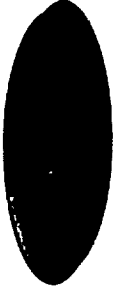
## Technologies & Applications



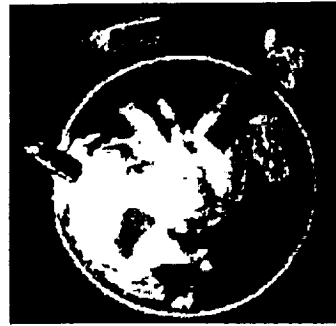
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• Hyperspectral/Multispectral imaging spectrometer	• multi-spectral (10 bands), high spatial resolution (30m) in the visible and near infrared spectral range with the goal of 5% absolute radiometric accuracy	• precursor for the Landsat instrument	• applicable to space science multi-spectral remote sensing
• Hyperion instrument with advanced E-Beam Gratings	• E-beam lithography produces high efficiency convex gratings at very low cost	• possible replacement for multi-spectral (Landsat) imaging	• applicable to space science multi-spectral remote sensing
• Atmospheric Corrector	• low cost, bolt on instrument provides correction of land imaged data for atm absorption. Improves accuracy of land imaging product	• future Earth imaging missions (e.g. RESOURCE 21) is considering this tech.	• provide multi-spectral capability for deep space
• X-band Phased Array Low Cost Antenna Demo	• provides high gain downlinks while reducing the need for a mechanical gimbals	• baselined by future Earth science missions including EOS missions	• applicable to space science missions requiring X-band communication
• Enhanced Formation Flying	• synchronous science measurements on multiple spacecraft, weather & land-imaging collection 8-16 times faster than current Landsat or TIROS	• highly probable for use by EOS, Magnetospheric Multi-scale & Mag. Constellation missions	
• Carbon-Carbon Radiator	• 30-50% mass savings w. thermal conductivity 10-500 W/m-K	• being considered by SBIRS, lo & hi	• applicable to Solar Probe, Space Time- Midex
• Lightweight Solar Array (LSA)	• ≥ 100W/kg array, low storage volume, jitter free shockless deployment	• being considered by SBIR lo & hi, Nat Polar-Orbiting Operational Env. Sat.	• being considered by NGST, ST5 & other OSS missions
• Pulsed Plasma Thrusters (PPT)	• high specific impulse (900-1200 sec), very low impulse bits (10-1000uN-s) at low average power (<1 to 100W).	• being considered by Constellation X	• cited by Midex and SMEX proposals
• Wideband Advanced Recorder/Processor	• > 40Gbits of storage, data throughput is 5.5x that of Landsat 7. It is	• applicable to Earth science missions with high data rate requirements	• applicable to space science missions with high data rate requirements



# Common Benefits of Processes



- Enhanced NASA's technology community through partnerships
  - Industry
  - Academia
  - Government Laboratories
- Infusions into future missions
  - Future projects using NMP validated technologies
  - Technology database for PI missions
    - New capabilities enable new opportunities
    - MIDEX/SMEX/Discovery/ESSP



DISCOVERY

IMAGE SPACECRAFT  
MIDEX

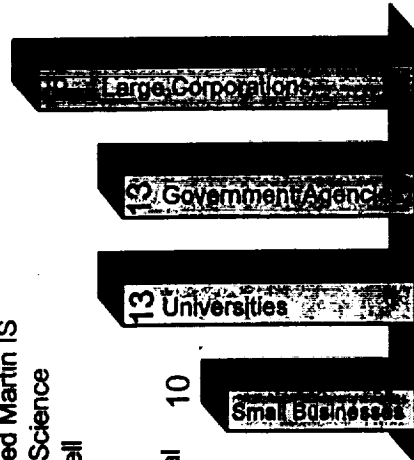
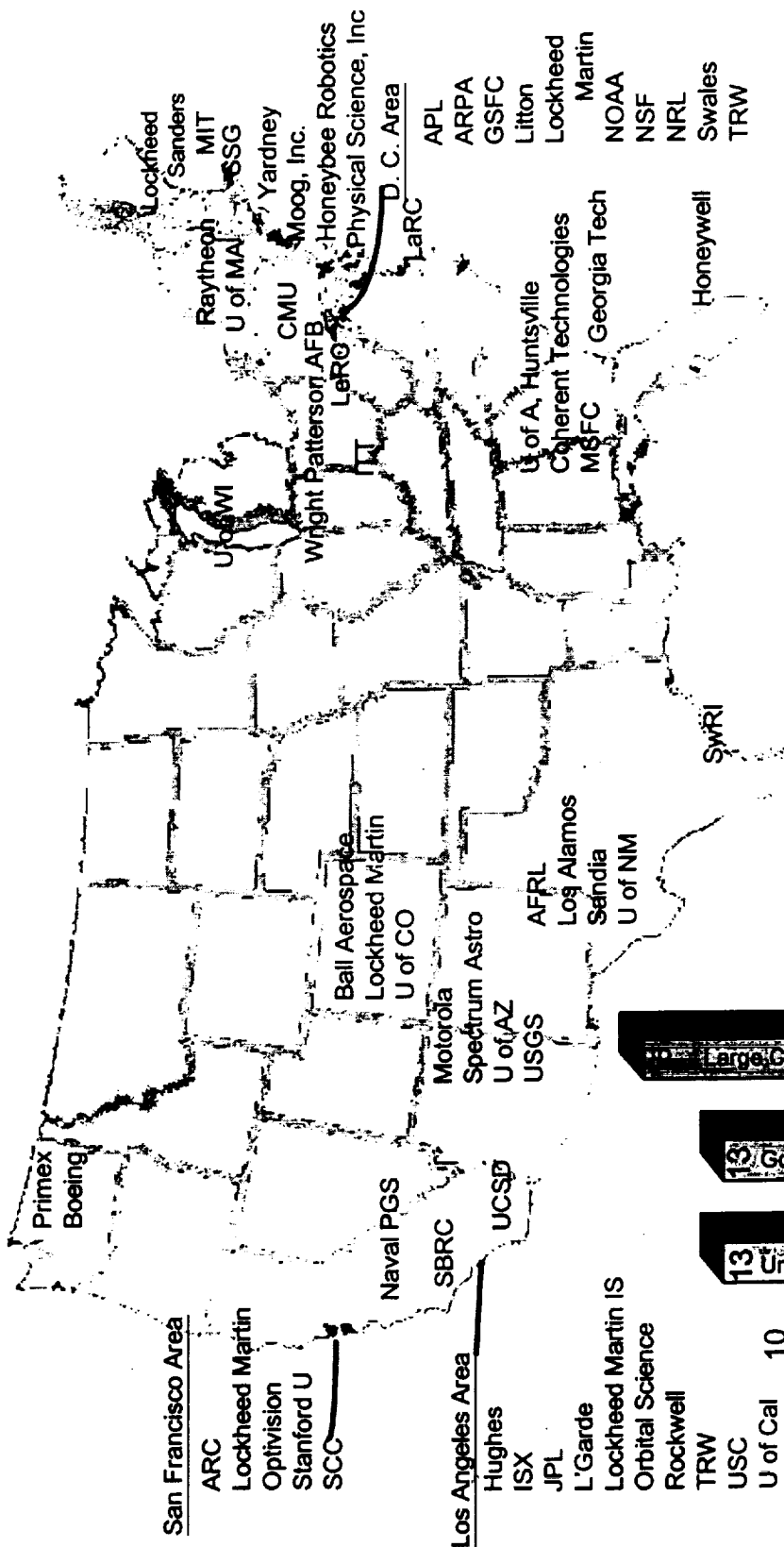


SMEX





# Enhanced NASA's Technology Community through Partnerships (NMP Flight Team & Technology Partners)







# Solar Electric Propulsion Future Users



Space Science



DISCOVER



**Benefits of Solar Electric Propulsion**

- Transportation
- Formation Flying
- Station Keeping/Orbit Maintenance



NSTAR  
Ion  
Propulsion

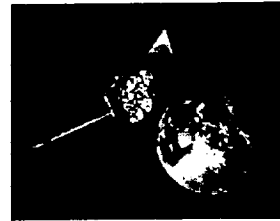


Pulsed  
Plasma  
Thruster

Electric Propulsion



ESSP

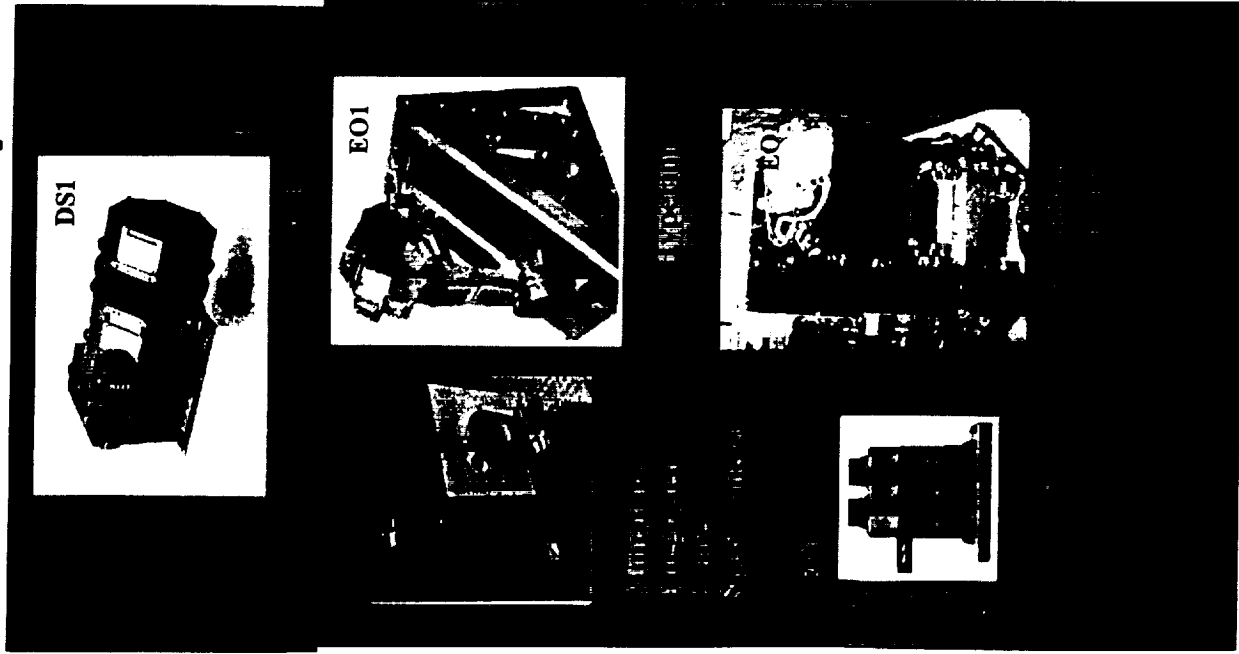


Earth Science





# Hyper/Multi-Spectral Imagers & Spectrometers Future Users



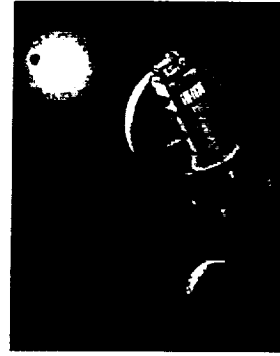
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- Potential replacement of Landsat imager
- Hyper-spectral imager provides new observational capabilities

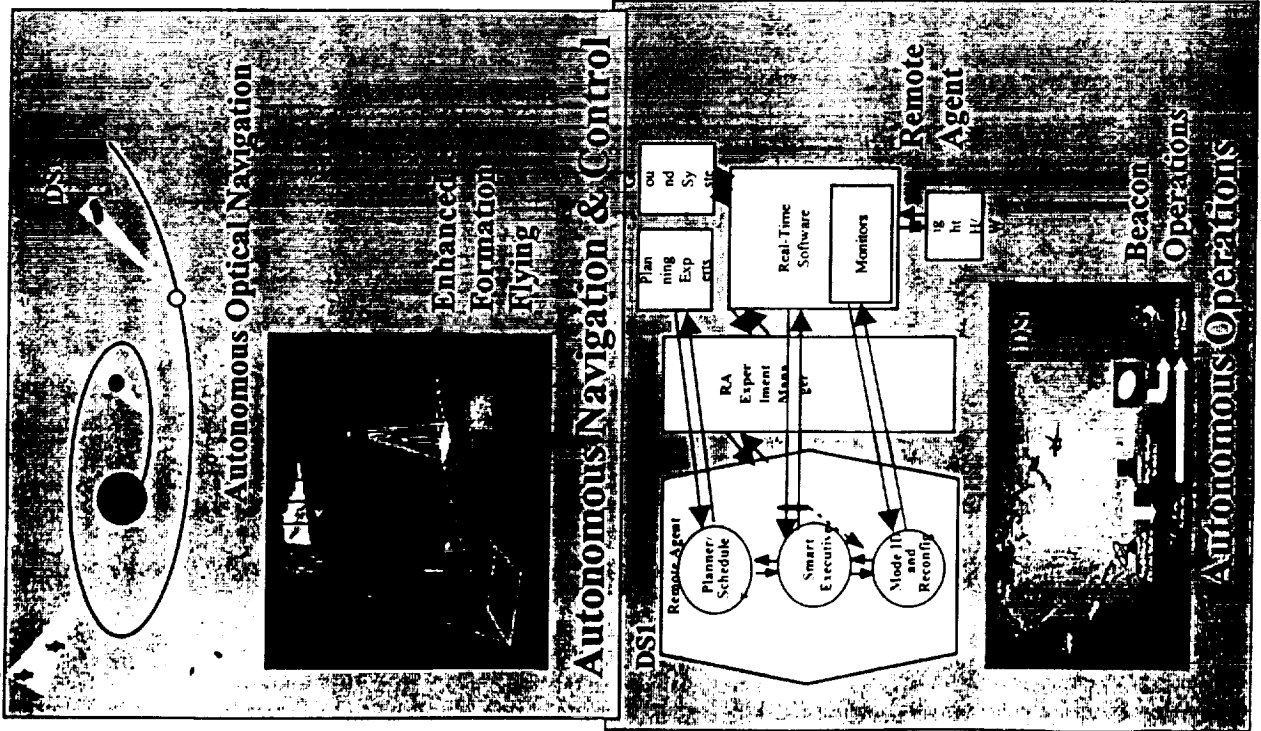
- Planetary & solar plasma scientists have proposed to use copies of the PEPE instrument for future missions
- Validation of an all SiC optical instrument covering the FUV to SWIR will enable many new miniature, low-mass cameras and spectrometers

## Space Science



- MICAS camera design will be proposed for Pluto Flyby mission

# Thinking Spacecraft Future Users



## Earth Science



- Formation flying and/or autonomous operations for EOS and ESSP Missions
- Magnetospheric Multiscale, Magnetospheric Constellation
- Self monitoring for Europa Orbiter, MIDEX proposals & Earth orbiters

## Autonomous optical navigation for Stardust, and Europa Orbiter



- Automatic sequencing & real time control for interferometer instruments such as TPF and LISA



## Space Science



# Micro-Nano Spacecraft's Future Users

Multifunctional structure

Carbon-carbon radiator

Wideband  
Advanced  
Recorder/Processor

DS2

Advanced Micro Controller

DS1

Low Power Electronics

DS1

Power switching module

**Innovations that simplify design, fabrication, reduces mass & reduce resource requirements**

## Earth Science

- Potential for EOS Follow-On
- ESSP

- Mars Micro missions
- STP Magnetospheric Multiscale Mission
- Discovery
- UNEX/SMEX/MIDEX
- Space Science



# High Data Rate Future Users



Small Deep Space Transponder

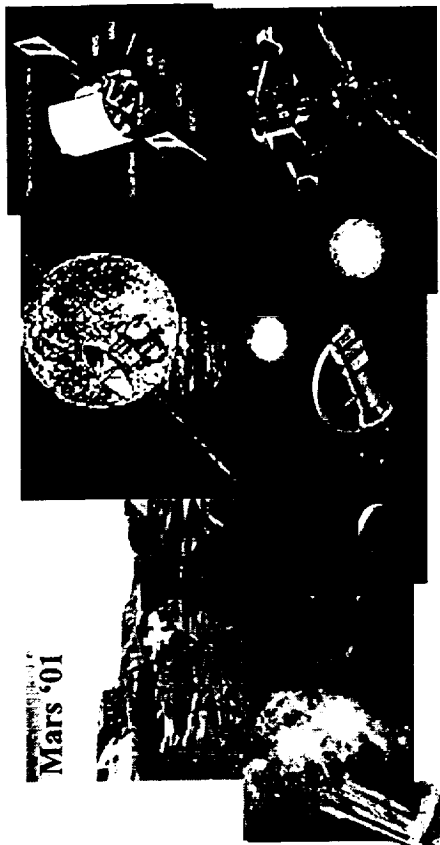
DS1

64-Element Active Phased Array Antenna

X-band/phased array antenna

NEW USERS High Data Rate Systems

## Space Science



- Reduces mass, volume & mechanical complexity for high data rate missions
- Essential for high-bandwidth spectral imaging instrument and active instruments (radars/lidars)

## Earth Science





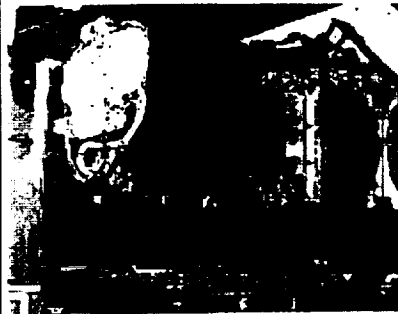
# Technology database for PI missions - Advanced Land Imager

New capabilities enable new opportunities  
MIDEX/SMEX/Discovery/ESSP

Technology Readiness Database for Discovery 1998	
System or Subsystem (from Level 2 WBS) Advanced Land Imager	POC Name/Org: Nick Spiciale POC Phone: (301)286-8704 POC E-mail: spiciale@pop500.gsfc.nasa.gov
Technology Name and Supporting UPN or other funding source NMP EO-1 UPN: 246	URL for Additional Information: <a href="http://eol1.gsfc.nasa.gov/">http://eol1.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>
<p><b>Description of Technology:</b> The Advanced Land Imager (ALI) is the centerpiece of the New Millennium, Earth Orbiter-1 mission. It will validate technologies contributing to the reduction in cost of future land imaging missions such as the Landsat series or earth imaging missions. The ALI will provide multi-spectral (10 bands), high spatial resolution (30km) in the visible and near infrared spectral range (0.5 to 2.5 um) with the goal of 5% absolute radiometric accuracy. The EO-1 mission will fly in formation with Landsat 7 and collect more than 200 common scenes for comparison.</p> <p>The ALI will be a factor of 4 less in mass and 5 less in power than the Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper (ETM+). The flight validation of key ALI technologies should lead to dramatically reduced cost and complex Landsat type missions. Some of the key technologies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1&gt; Silicon Carbide Optics which are extremely lightweight optics that are stable over a wide range of temperatures. The goal is to demonstrate how well the Silicon Carbide maintains stable performance in a space environment.</li> <li>2&gt; Wide field, high resolution reflective optics which provides a full Landsat scene swath width (185km) and resolution using a simple push broom design. This technique will enable much lower cost instrumentation for future Landsat mission through use of non-mechanical scanning and reduced instrument complexity.</li> <li>3&gt; Multi-spectral imaging capability, the modular focal plane assembly provides substantial mass and power savings over comparable mechanical scanning instruments through innovative electro-optical designs. Additionally, an innovative on-board calibration system will enable better characterization of instrument performance during observations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Applicability</b> The ALI is a pathfinder to higher performance and lower cost land imaging instruments which meet the demanding Earth Science Enterprises requirements for remote sensing applications.</p> <p><b>Benefit to Earth Science Missions</b> The ALI technologies reducing the mass, power, complexity and cost of future earth imaging systems for the Earth Science Program. A fully operational ALI has potential for reducing the cost and size of future Landsat type instruments by a factor of four to five.</p>	

Development Status and Plans for Flight Readiness

Technology Maturity	Description	Date (to be) Completed
Component and/or breadboard validation in relevant environment		
System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment (ground or space)	The flight ALI is currently undergoing integration at Lincoln Labs. The flight telescope has been delivered and the flight focal plane will be delivered in the mid-June timeframe. Calibration will occur in the Aug to November 1998 timeframe.	Dec 1998
System prototype demonstration in a space environment	The ALI will be launched on the EO-1	May 1999
Actual system completed and "flight qualified" through test and demonstration (ground or space)	The ALI technologies will be fully flight qualified after it has completed one year of operation in the space environment	May 2001
Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations	ALI science objectives will be fully met after ALI completes land imaging for an entire growing season	Sept 2001





# Technology database for PI missions - NSTAR Electric Propulsion

NMP#

New capabilities enable new opportunities  
MIDEX/SMEX/Discovery/ESSP

## Technology Readiness Database for Discovery 1998

System or Subsystem (from Level 2 WBS) Spacecraft Propulsion System	POC Name/Org: J. F. Stocky POC Phone: (818) 354-5358 POC E-mail: john.f.stocky@jpl.nasa.gov URL for Additional Information:
Technology Name and Supporting UPN or other funding source NSTAR Solar Electric Propulsion UPNs: 242, 632, 839	

### Description of Technology:

NSTAR is a high-specific-impulse solar electric propulsion system for deep space primary propulsion. The NSTAR system consists of five principal elements:

1. A 30-cm ion thruster capable of processing 83 kg at power levels between 500 W and 2,500 W and providing 91 milli-N of thrust and an  $I_{sp}$  of 3,120 lb.-sec/lb., at maximum power.
2. A power processing unit (PPU) capable of providing the necessary voltages and currents required by the ion thruster from an input power source providing between 80 V and 160 V. Each power processing unit can control two ion thrusters sequentially, but not simultaneously.
3. A digital control interface unit (DCIU) that provides the command and telemetry interface with the spacecraft, which controls the power processing unit - establishing proper set points for each throttle level commanded by the spacecraft, and which controls the flow rates provided by the propellant storage and control system.
4. A propellant storage and control system (PSCS) that provides Xenon to the ion engine at the flow rates commanded by the DCIU for each throttle level.
5. A diagnostics measurement system to measure induced fields during ion thruster operation to help verify the performance of the ion propulsion system and to measure the effect of its operation on the space plasma near the spacecraft. The diagnostics system is not required for operational use of the ion propulsion system.

### Applicability

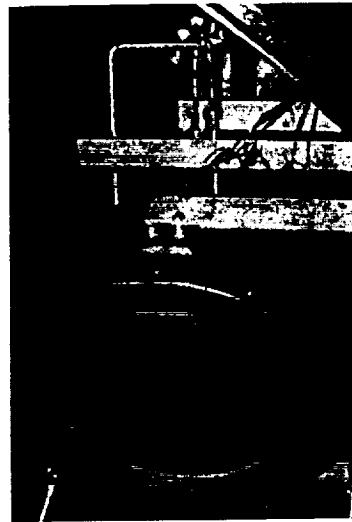
The NSTAR engine is applicable to many deep space missions, and particularly valuable for missions to distant or high delta-v targets

### Benefit to Deep Space Missions

NSTAR provides significantly higher specific impulse than conventional chemical propulsion. This translates into a smaller mass of fuel required to accelerate a spacecraft to a given velocity. On missions to distant objects or trajectories requiring a large delta-v, where the fuel mass is a significant factor, a smaller fuel load at launch can mean a smaller, lower cost launch vehicle, or it can be traded for higher spacecraft velocity or a shorter cruise time to the target for a given launch vehicle capacity.

## Development Status and Plans for Flight Readiness

Technology Maturity	Description	Date (to be) Completed
Component and/or breadboard validation in relevant environment		
System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment (ground or space)	An engineering model ion thruster, functionally identical to the flight ion thruster, was tested for 8,000 hours at full power. The flight ion thruster, PPU, and DCIU have been protoflight qualified.	Completed
System prototype demonstration in a space environment		
Actual system completed and "flight qualified" through test and demonstration (ground or space)	The flight ion thruster, PPU, DCIU, and Xenon feed system have been environmentally and functionally qualified to protoflight levels prior to use on DS1. A long-duration test with flight hardware processing 125 lb. <sub>m</sub> of Xenon and using the full throttle range of the system	Completed Dec. 2000
Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations	Complete mission profile as primary propulsion system for DS1	Dec. 2000



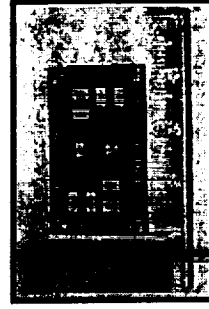


# Technology database for PI missions - Advanced Micro Controller

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Technology Readiness Database for Discovery 1998		
System or Subsystem (from Level 2 WBS) Advanced Micro Controller (AMC)	POC Name/Org: Frank DeGassio/JPL and Jim Lytle/Air Force Research Lab POC E-mail: frdegassio@jpl.nasa.gov	
Technology Name and Supporting UPN or other funding source	URL for Additional Information: <a href="http://prra.plk.af.mil/AMF/IMRG/aic.html">http://prra.plk.af.mil/AMF/IMRG/aic.html</a>	
<p><b>Description of Technology</b></p> <p>The Advanced Microcontroller (AMC) is the world's smallest space-qualified self-contained computer with analog interface capability. It was designed for high-impact, cold-temperature applications on the Martian surface (30,000 G's, -120 deg C). The AMC has modest amounts of computing power (about the equivalent of an old "Apple II" computer), but achieves this in the size of a postage stamp (0.8" x 1.2"), the mass of a few potato chips (3 grams), and 1/20<sup>th</sup> watt of electrical power. Unlike an "Apple II," the AMC packs an impressive built-in instrumentation capability: six serial communications ports, 32 digital discrete lines, an additional 32 analog input lines, and eight presettable analog outputs. The AMC runs off of its own internal clocks (either 10 MHz or 200 Hz for ultra-low-power) or an externally provided time reference. Perhaps one of the most intriguing features of the AMC is its reconfigurable programming. Unlike many other computers, the AMC can be reprogrammed up until final integration, under electrical control; no de-integration is required. This versatility can save many thousands of dollars in any application. The AMC can also "save" data to its non-volatile memory, giving the AMC enough "smarts" to finish a task when interrupted by power removal, which is expected to occur at several points during the Deep Space II mission.</p> <p><b>Applicability</b></p> <p>Potential to support numerous applications where modest amounts of processing are required in dimensionally-constrained and/or remote locations for a minimal size, weight, and power consumption. Such applications include motor controllers, cryocooler refrigerator controllers, distributed health and status monitoring systems, configuration management processors, safety interlock protocol management, security systems, miniature weapons computers, space probe central control processor, beacon processor, jet engine control. Will be useful in large satellites and high-performance systems as well, since those systems also have needs for lower tier processing, which can be offloaded to one or more AMC units.</p> <p><b>Benefit to Deep Space Missions</b></p> <p>Extremely high function-to-power, measured not just in the raw processor performance but in the degree of functionality accommodated. A single AMC can monitor and control a large variety of signals in low-level instrumentation. Multiple units can be employed with less size, weight, and power penalty than a single copy of any other system in its class. It can operate with extreme cold, radiation, and shock, and new versions can be quickly developed with much higher radiation tolerance.</p>		

Development Status and Plans for Flight Readiness		
Technology Maturity	Description	Date (to be) Completed
Component and/or breadboard Validation in relevant environment	Prototyped breadboards and MCMs tested to -130 deg C; drop shock tests	Boards have operated since July 1997; MCMs since Feb 97; drop shocks planned for mid-1998
System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment (ground or space)	Prototyped breadboards and MCMs tested to -130 deg C; drop shock tests	Boards have operated since July 1997; MCMs since Feb 97; drop shocks planned for mid-1998
System prototype demonstration in a space environment	In Deep Space II and Space Test Research Vehicle 1D; Analog portions in X2000 MCM form only	Both missions in 1999; DS2 is interplanetary; STRV is harsh radiation environment Qualification summer 1998
Actual system completed and "flight qualified" through test and demonstration (ground or space)		
Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations	After launch will be tested in STRV-1d and operated in DS2. Other space missions are evaluating AMC for use.	mid-1999 for STRV-1-D and late 1999 for DS2

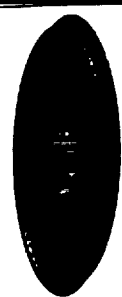


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# NMP Technology Covers Wide Spectrum of Opportunities



Cross-Enterprise Technology Program Thrust Areas

Current NMP Validation Contributions (DS1,2 & EO1,2)

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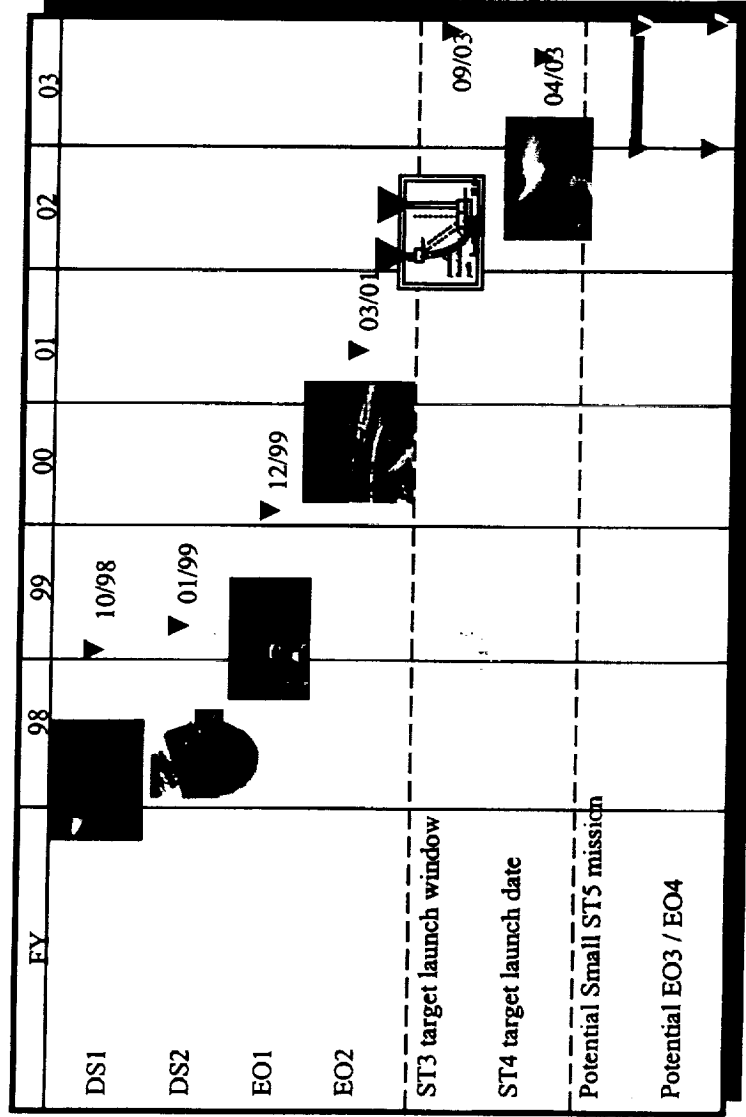
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